

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 1, line 16:

--FIELD OF INVENTION--

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 1, line 20:

--BACKGROUND OF INVENTION--

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 4, line 20:

--SUMMARY--

Please add the following new paragraphs after the paragraph ending at page 4, line 23:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a graph showing the activity measurement as a function of temperature.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 27, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Preferably the enzyme of the present system is obtained or is obtainable from a marine alga. Preferably the enzyme of the present system is obtained or is obtainable from *Chondrus eripus* *crispus*.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 30 and ending at page 8, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Preferably, the hexose oxidase is obtainable or is obtained from marine algae *Chondrus eripus* *crispus*.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 31, line 26, with the following amended paragraph:

-- 3. A composition according to paragraph 1 or 2 wherein the enzyme is obtained or is obtainable from *Chondrus eripus* *crispus*.--